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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: MLO

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1. POLOFF JOHN L. MARTIN IS MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS OFFICER.

2. ASSESSMENT OF NICARAGUAN MULTILATERAL CONCERNS AND EMBASSY VIES (REF B) REMAIN SUBSTANTIALLY CORRECT TO DATE. HOWEVER, THE SUPPORT WHICH GON HAS GIVEN U.S. ON MULTILATERAL ISSUES HAS FLOWED FROM PAST FRIENDLY AND COOPERATIVE RELATIONS. WITH U.S.-GON RELATIONS SIGNIFICANTLY COOLED AS A RESULT, INTER ALIA, OF U.S. CONGRESSIONAL AND ADMINISTRATION INITIATIVES RESULTING FROM CONCERN OVER LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION, EMBASSY BELIEVES GON MAY BE MUCH LESS AUTOMATICALLY SUPPORTIVE OF U.S. POSITIONS IN MULTILATERAL FORA IN THE FUTURE.

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3. IF THAT IS TRUE, THE TASK OF CONVINCING GON TO SUPPORT U.S. POSITIONS WILL HAVE TO BE ARGUED MORE IN TERMS OF NICARAGUAN NATIONAL INTERESTS RATHER THAN SUPPORT FOR U.S. U.S. DELS SHOULD NOT EXPECT COOPERATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES UNLESS THEY ADDRESS ANTI-REGIME TERRORISM AS WELL AS REGIME ABUSES. THIS IS CLEAR FROM GON POSITION IN LAST OASGA AND INTER-PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE

IN MEXICO.

4. FORTUNATELY, THERE ARE STILL SEVERAL GON BASIC ATTITUDES WHICH WILL LEAD IT TO ADOPT POSITIONS WHICH COINCIDE WITH U.S. POSITIONS. GON IS STRONGLY ANTI-COMMUNIST WHICH PROBABLY WILL CAUSE IT TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT UN COMMAND IN KOREA AND OPPOSE CUBAN POSITION ON PUERTO RICO. ON NORTH/SOUTH, EAST"WEST OR OTHER ISSUES IN WHICH USSR AND CUBA ARE ACTIVE ON ONE SIDE, GON WILL BE INCLINED TO OPPOSE THOSE COMMUNIST STATES' POSITION OR ABSTAIN, I.E., THEY ARE UNLIKELY TO FALL INTO A THIRDWORLD VOTING PATTERN. FURTHER, FON IS PRO-ISRAEL AND MAY BE EXPECTED TO VOTE ACCORDINLY.

5. THE GON ADHERES TO A FREE-ENTERPRISE, FREE TRADE POLICY. AS SUCH, IT WILL PROBABLY CONTINUE TO OPPOSE THE FORMATION OF COM-MODITY CARTELS AND THEIR ACTIVITIES IN INTERNATIONAL FORA. AN EXCEPTION WOULD BE INsofar AS A CARTEL WOULD FAVOR A KEY NICARAGUAN EXPORT, E.G., COFFEE. THE GON IS ALSO LIKELY TO CONSULT WITH CENTRAL AMERICAN COMMON MARKET (CACM) PARTNERS BEFORE DECIDING ITS POSITION ON MULTILATERAL ISSUES. ON BALANCE, EMBASSY ANTICIPATES THAT GON POSITIONS WILL CONTINUE TO COINCIDE WITH OUR POSITIONS ON MOST ECONOMIC ISSUES, BUT PERHAPS LESS AUTOMATICALLY THAN IN THE PAST-- PARTICULARLY IF THE CACM OPPOSES THE U.S. STANCE ON A GIVEN ISSUE.
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